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Whereas, Congress declared 2006 the Year of Study Abroad, recognizing the need to educate future American leaders toward a global economic future, to increase global understanding, and to lead to better security;

Whereas, Multiple states have endorsed the creation of resolutions to support study abroad, and Indiana officially recognizes the significant contribution to study abroad that Indiana students have already made;

Whereas, According to the Institute of International Education's (IIE) Open Doors national survey of colleges and universities, 7,369 university students from Indiana studied abroad in 2004-2005, the last year for which statistics are available;

Whereas, Institutions of higher education in Indiana have been leaders in the commitment to study abroad with Indiana ranking eleventh in the nation for the number of students studying abroad;

Whereas, The leading destinations for students studying abroad nationally are the United Kingdom, Italy, Spain, France, Australia, Mexico, Germany, China, Ireland, Costa Rica, and Japan;

Whereas, Indiana recognizes the need to support these links



for cultural understanding and commerce;

Whereas, According to a 2005 random survey sponsored by NAFSA: Association of International Educators, 77 percent of adults in the United States agree that students should have a study abroad experience during college;

Whereas, The economic importance of trade between Indiana and the rest of the world has been tracked and established by the international trade division of the Indiana department of commerce whose figures indicate that Indiana had \$13,000,000,000 in exports in 2004 and has 13 international trade offices worldwide;

Whereas, Indiana has 45 institutions of higher education and, according to IIE's Open Doors Report for 2005-2006, Indiana received 13,992 international students, up 6.4 percent from 2004-2005 and ranking tenth nationwide;

Whereas, These international students and their families contributed over \$302,400,000 in tuition, fees, and living expenses to Indiana's economy;

Whereas, Purdue University ranked third and Indiana University ranked seventeenth in total international student enrollment among United States colleges and universities;

Whereas, Indiana welcomes people from around the world who choose to come to our state for education, work, or visiting and values the benefits of contact that people in our state receive from working, living, and studying with people from different countries;

Whereas, Indiana recognizes the importance of a diverse population and workforce in maintaining and attracting population and general commerce to our state as well as ensuring a globally focused population; and

Whereas, Hoosiers recognize the necessity of attracting and retaining diversity in our communities, workforce, and institutions of higher education, and we recognize the benefits of retaining our globally competent college graduates in our state: Therefore,



*Be it resolved by the House of Representatives
of the General Assembly of the State of Indiana,
the Senate concurring:*

- 1 SECTION 1. That the Indiana General Assembly encourages and
2 recommends students and faculty to promote international education
3 as part of curricular and extracurricular life at the state's public and
4 private colleges and universities.
- 5 SECTION 2. That the state supports international educational
6 endeavors in higher education and, by doing so, contributes to global
7 awareness among public officials, business leaders, educators, and all
8 residents of Indiana.
- 9 SECTION 3. That the Principal Clerk of the House of
10 Representatives transmit a copy of this resolution to Governor Mitch
11 Daniels and the presidents of all Indiana colleges and universities.

